

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The invention relates to a~~ A device[[,]] for the dosed dispensing of small amounts of a material, including comprising a housing for the material and an opening to the exterior[[,]] for the dispensing of the material. The material itself is embodied as the [[a]] housing and has the form of a block with such a size as to be at least partly gripped by the hand of a user, or which may be held in the hand. The block is embodied with a rigid outer surface, and an actuator may be introduced and operated through the opening in the block, which releases desired amounts of material from inside the block or from the region surrounding the opening, by ~~means of~~ a scraping, digging or frictional interaction.--